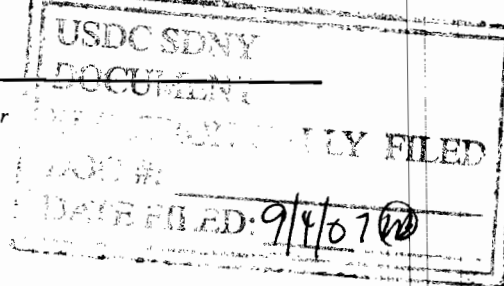


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MEMO ENCLOSED

Re: *Adel Saleh Attalla, et al. v. Immigration & Naturalization Service, et al.*,
No. 07 Civ. 4849 (SHS)

Dear Judge Stein:

This Office represents the defendants in the above-referenced action, which challenges a decision of the Department of Homeland Security denying the plaintiffs' naturalization application. I write to request a one-month extension of the date for the Government to answer in this case (currently September 7, 2007), and a corresponding adjournment of the initial conference currently scheduled for September 7, 2007. The principal reason for this request is that I received the file in this case from DHS only yesterday, and so require the additional time to review the administrative record and prepare our answer accordingly. This is the second adjournment of the answer/initial conference date, and the first such request by the Government. Plaintiff's counsel consents to these requests, and further asks that the initial conference be scheduled after October 8, 2007, to accommodate his existing travel plans.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Respectfully,

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Last day for def to
answer is adjourned to Oct 8; initial
pretrial conf adjourned from Sept 7
to Oct 11 at 10:30 A.M.
So marked -
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